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Docket No.: C37584/130070

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
J. SHAFFER *et al.*)
) Examiner: Chester T. Barry
Serial No.: 10/043,056)
) Group Art Unit: 1724
Filed: January 8, 2002)

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For: **APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR BIOLOGICAL
TREATMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONTAMINANTS
AND WASTE**

July 28, 2003

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION INCLUDING
REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby request a one month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action mailed March 27, 2003, hereby extending the period for response from June 27, 2003 until July 27, 2003. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed with an executed certificate of mailing on or before July 28, 2003 since July 27, 2003 falls on a Sunday. 35 U.S.C. §21(b); 37 CFR §§ 1.7, 1.8, 1.17 and 1.136. A check in the amount of \$55.00 to cover the required fee for a small entity pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(b) is enclosed herewith.

It is not believed that this response occasions any other fee, but should there be any such fee, please charge to Deposit Account No. 02-4467.

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